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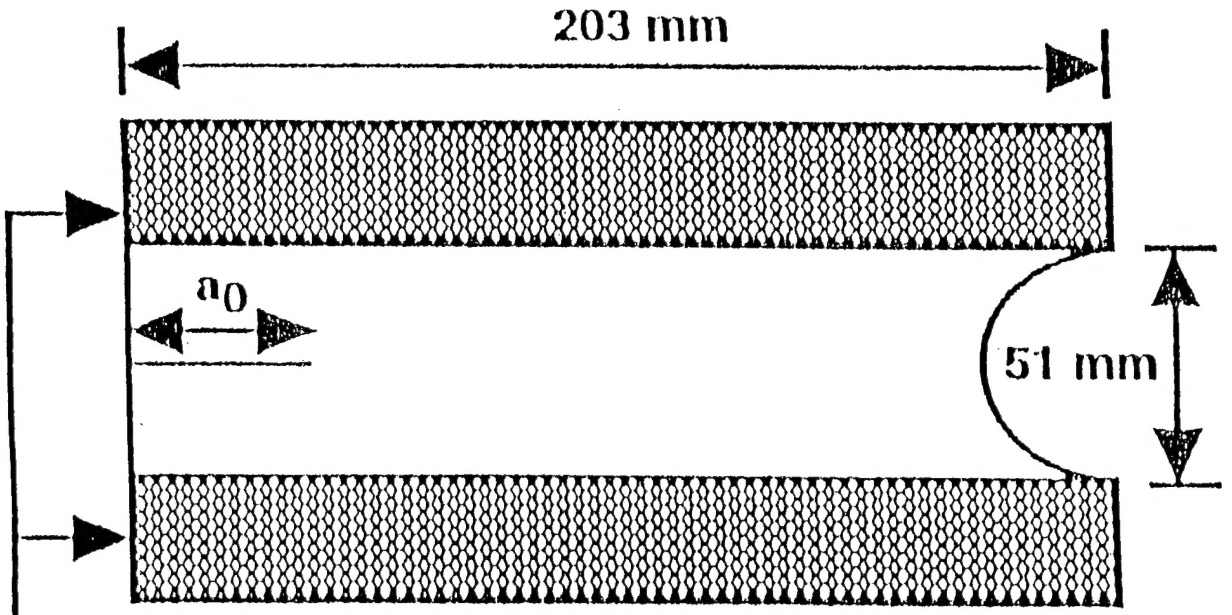
Objective

- Investigate the Effects of specimen thickness (2.54 mm and 12.7 mm) and Displacement Rate (2.54 mm/min and 12.7 mm/min) on Crack Opening Displacement, Failure process Zone, Local Strain Fields, and Crack Growth Behavior at Low Temperature.

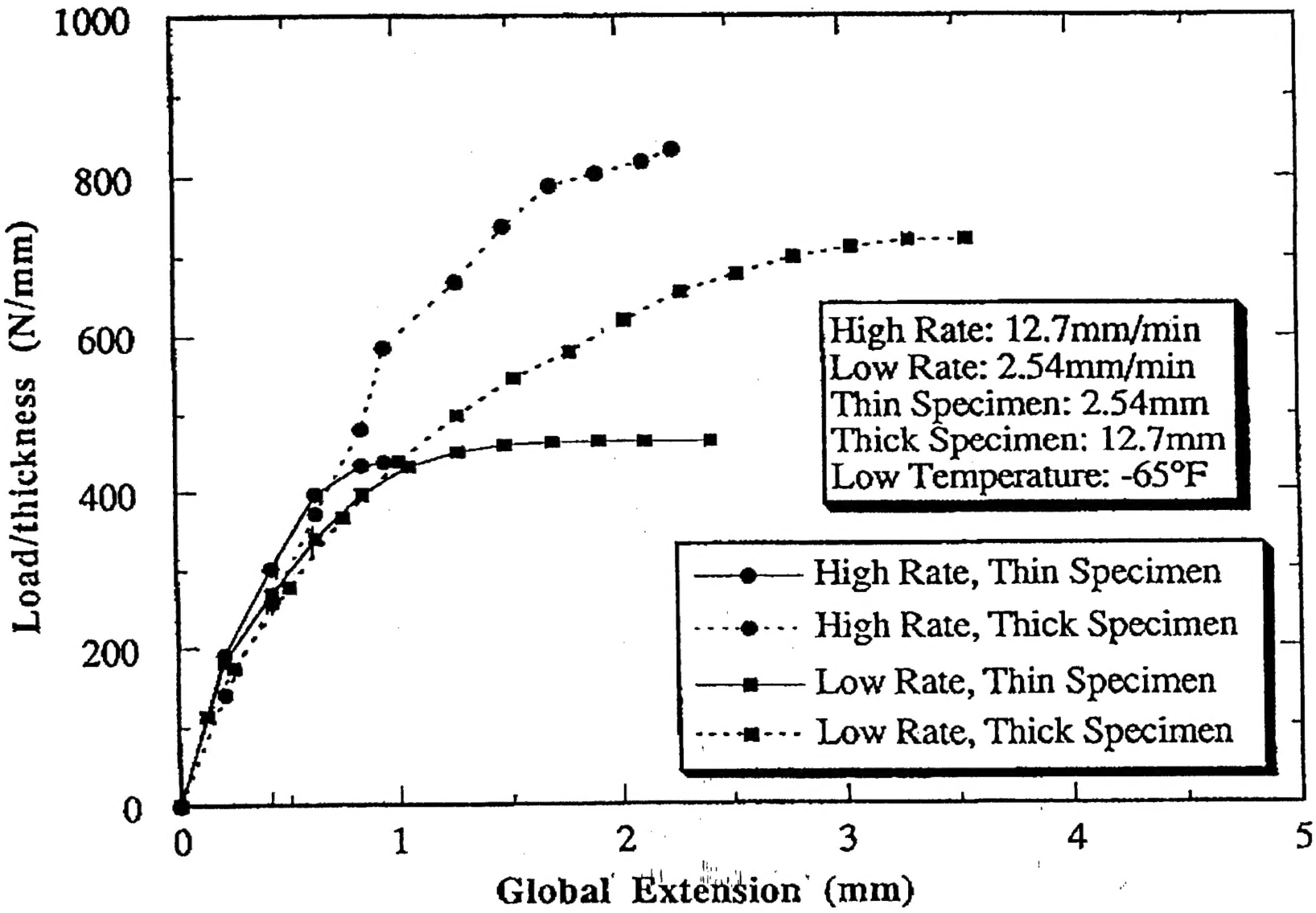


Aluminum grips cemented to specimen
Specimen thickness: 2.5 mm

a_0 = 23mm

Specimen Geometry

Load / Thickness vs. Global Extension



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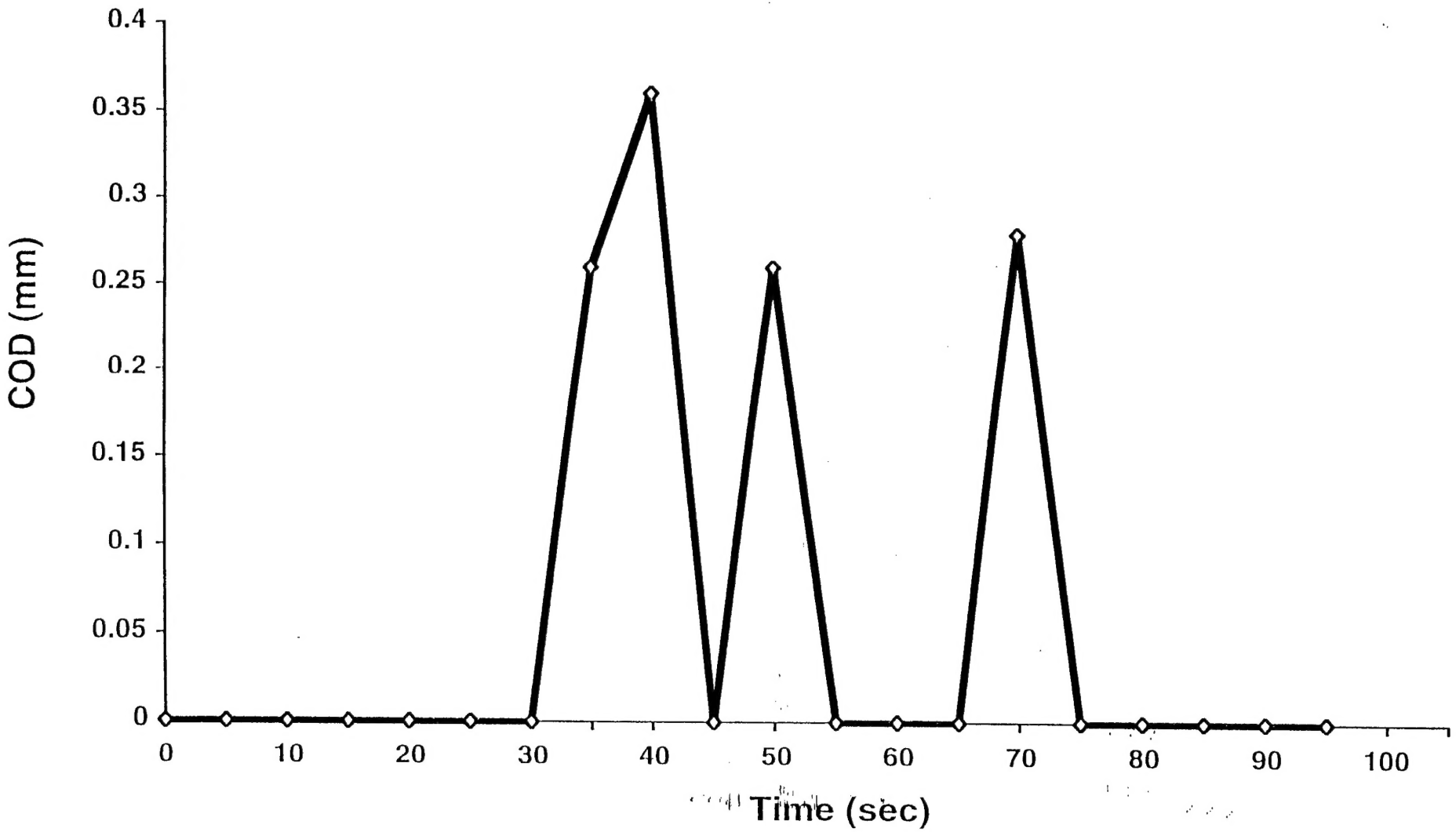

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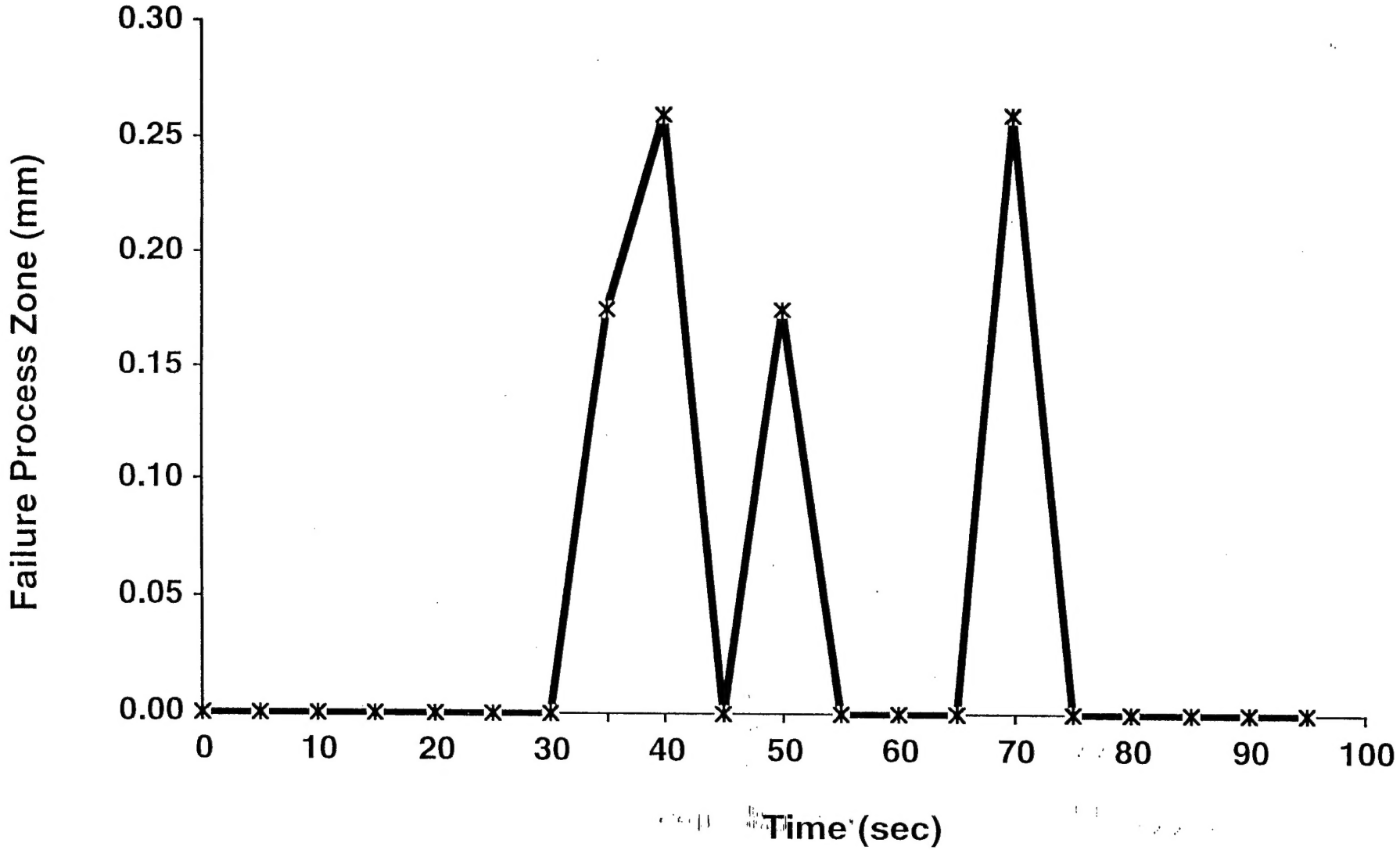

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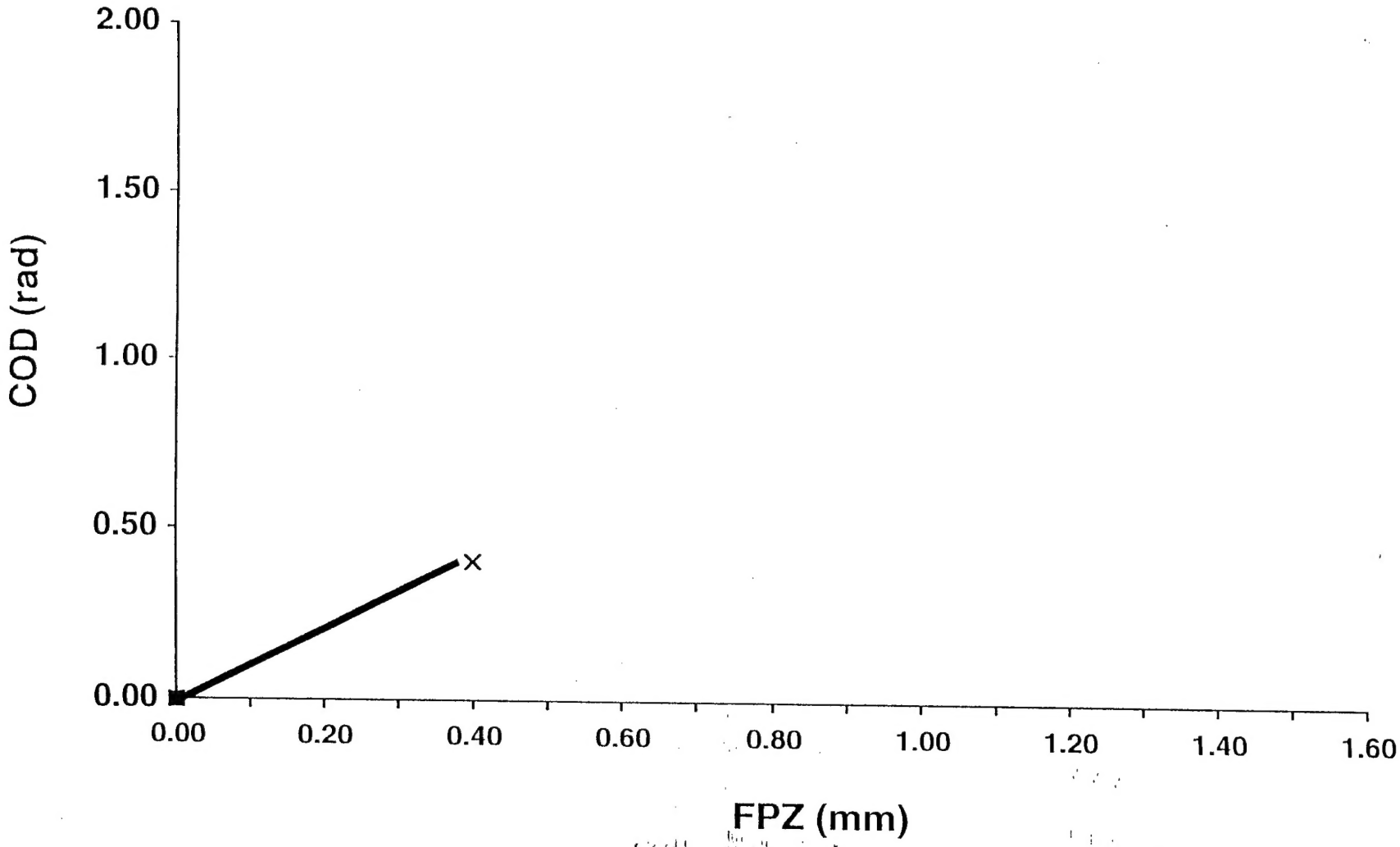

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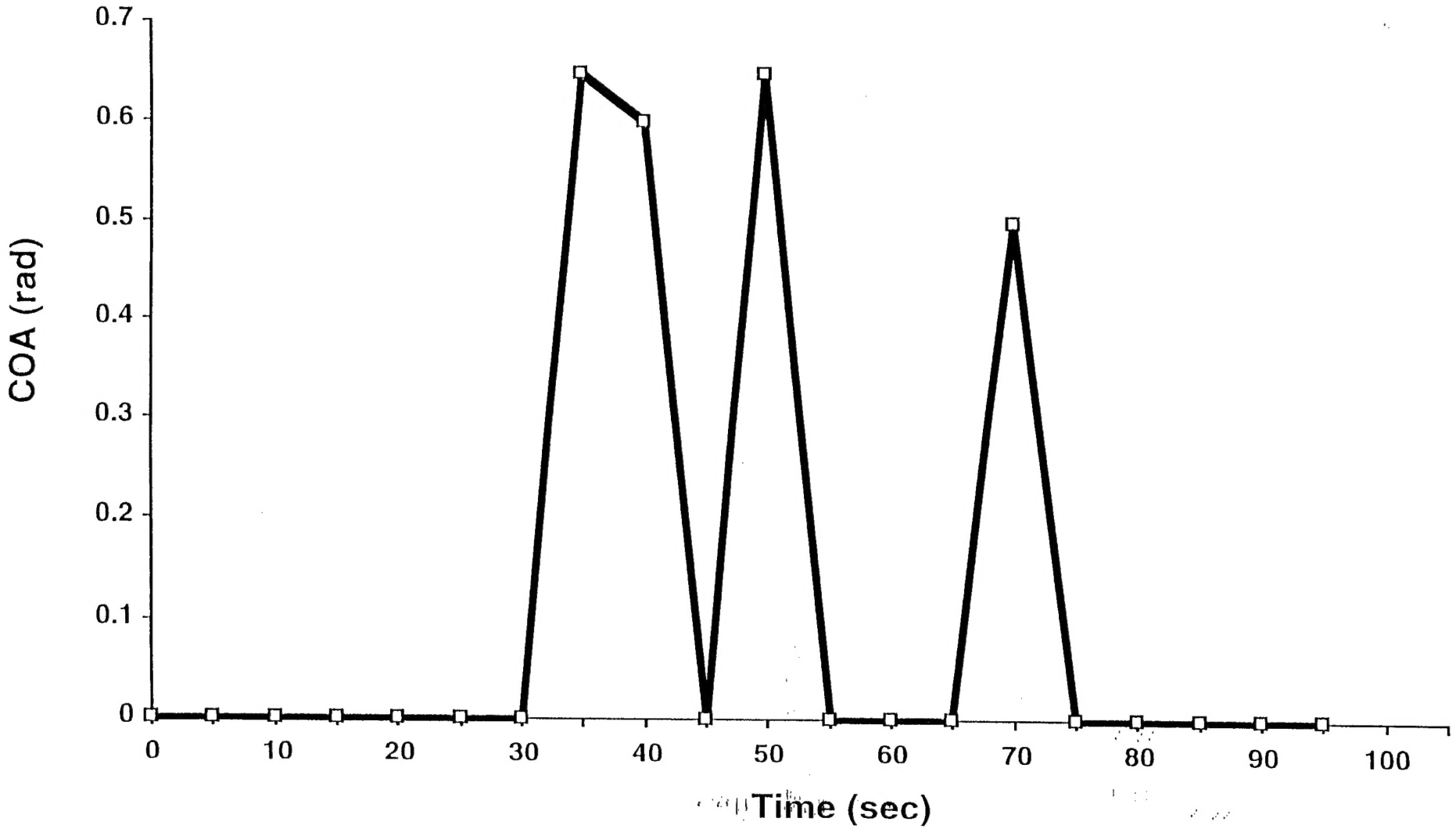

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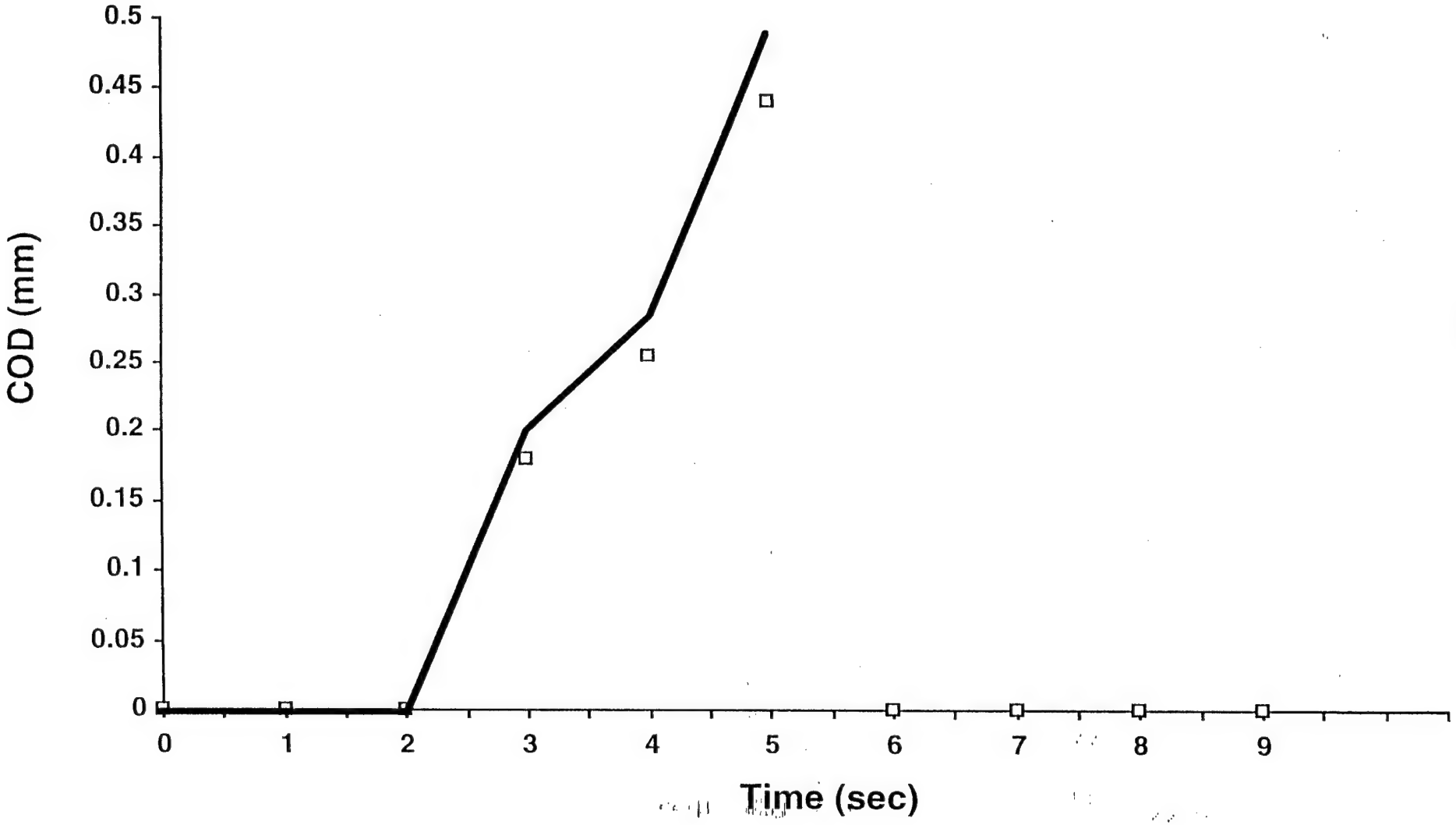

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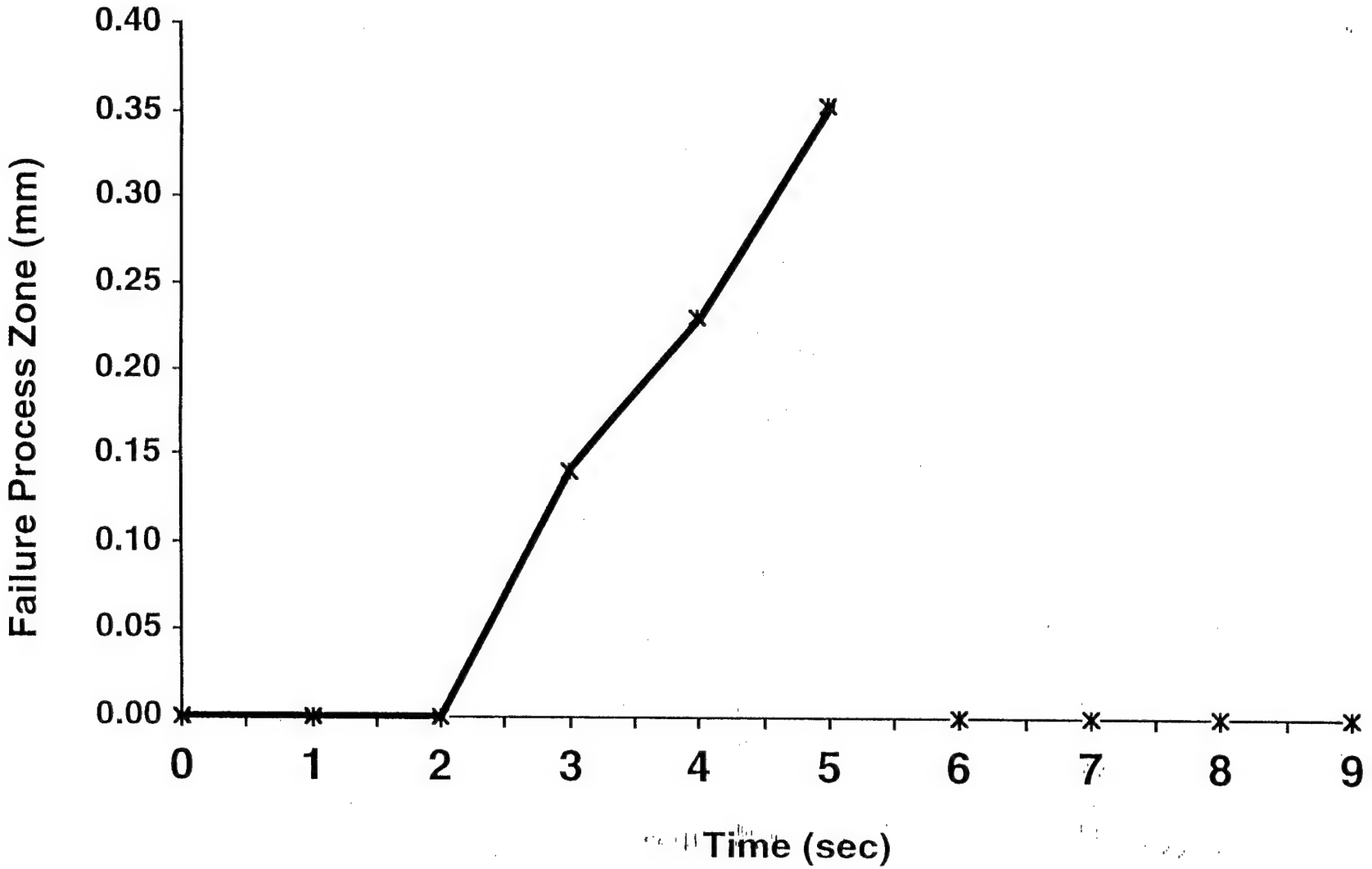

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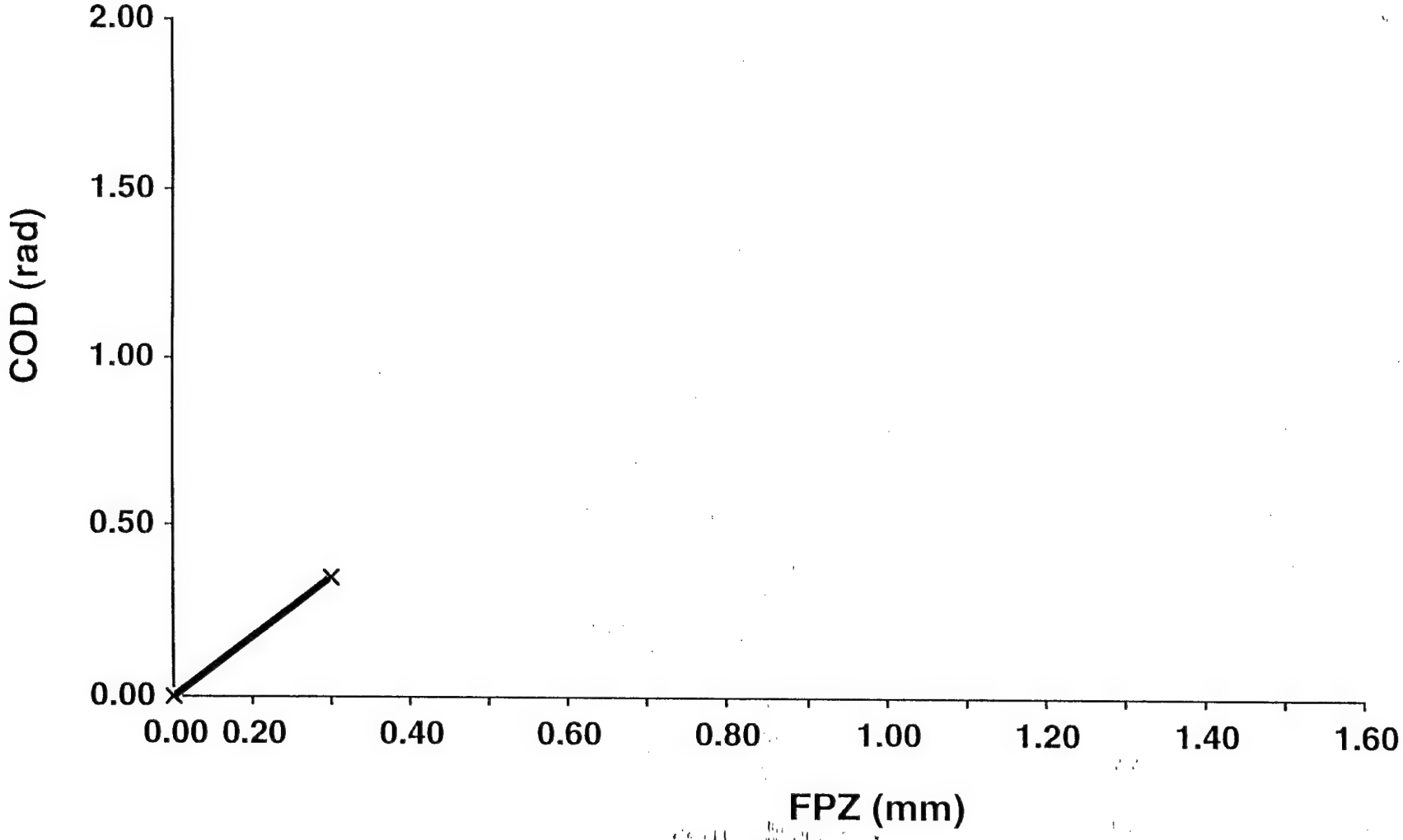

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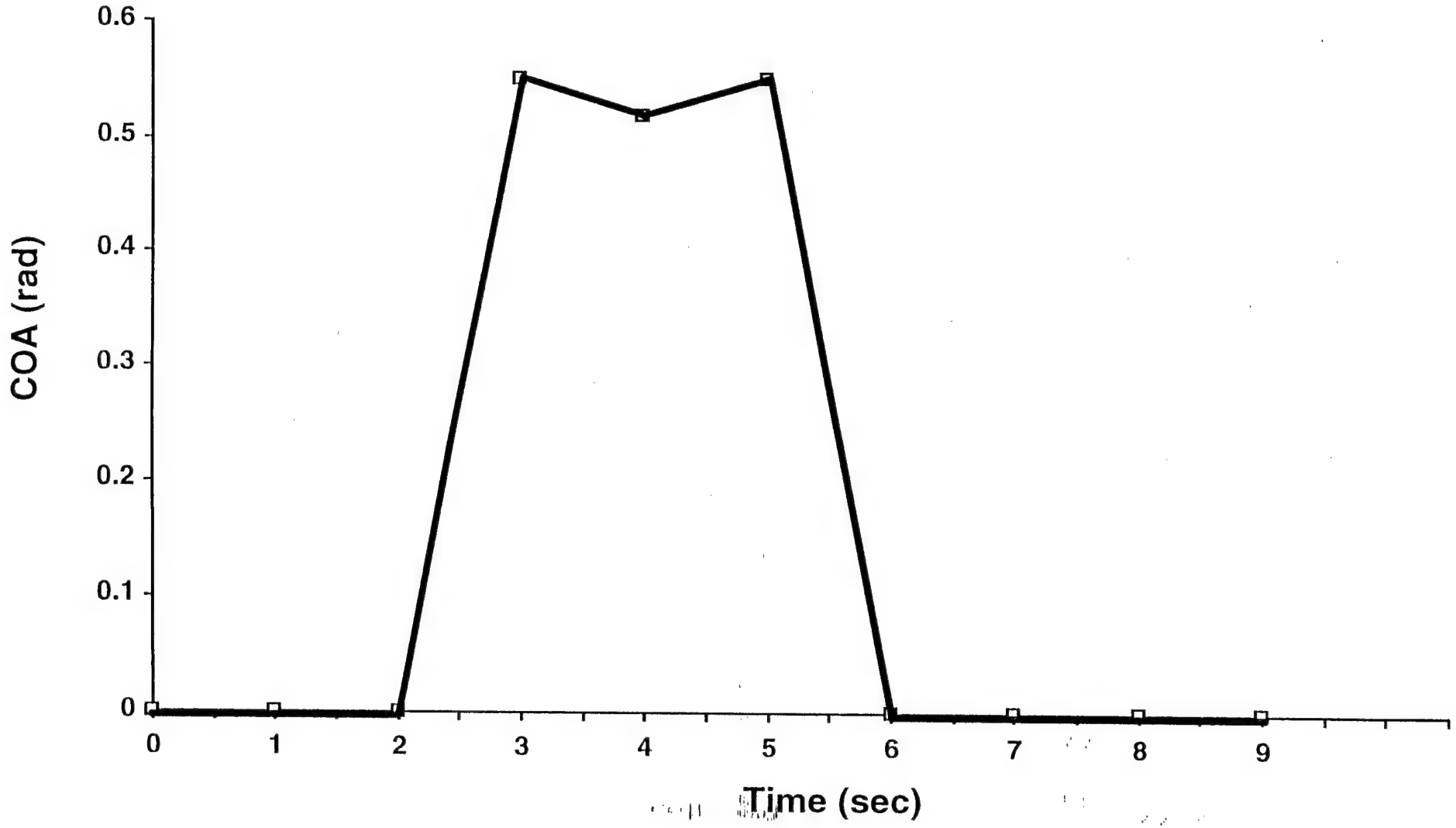

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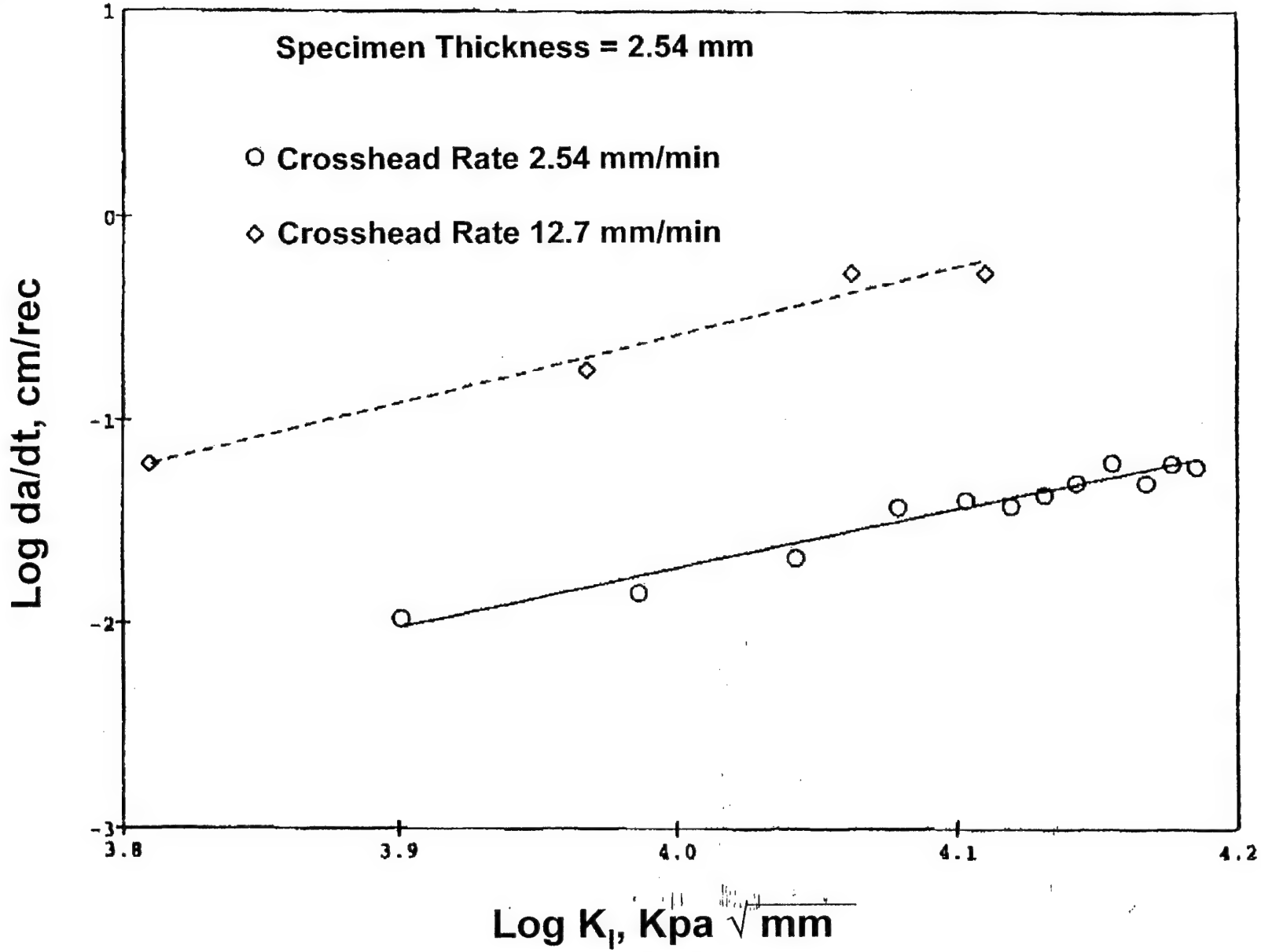

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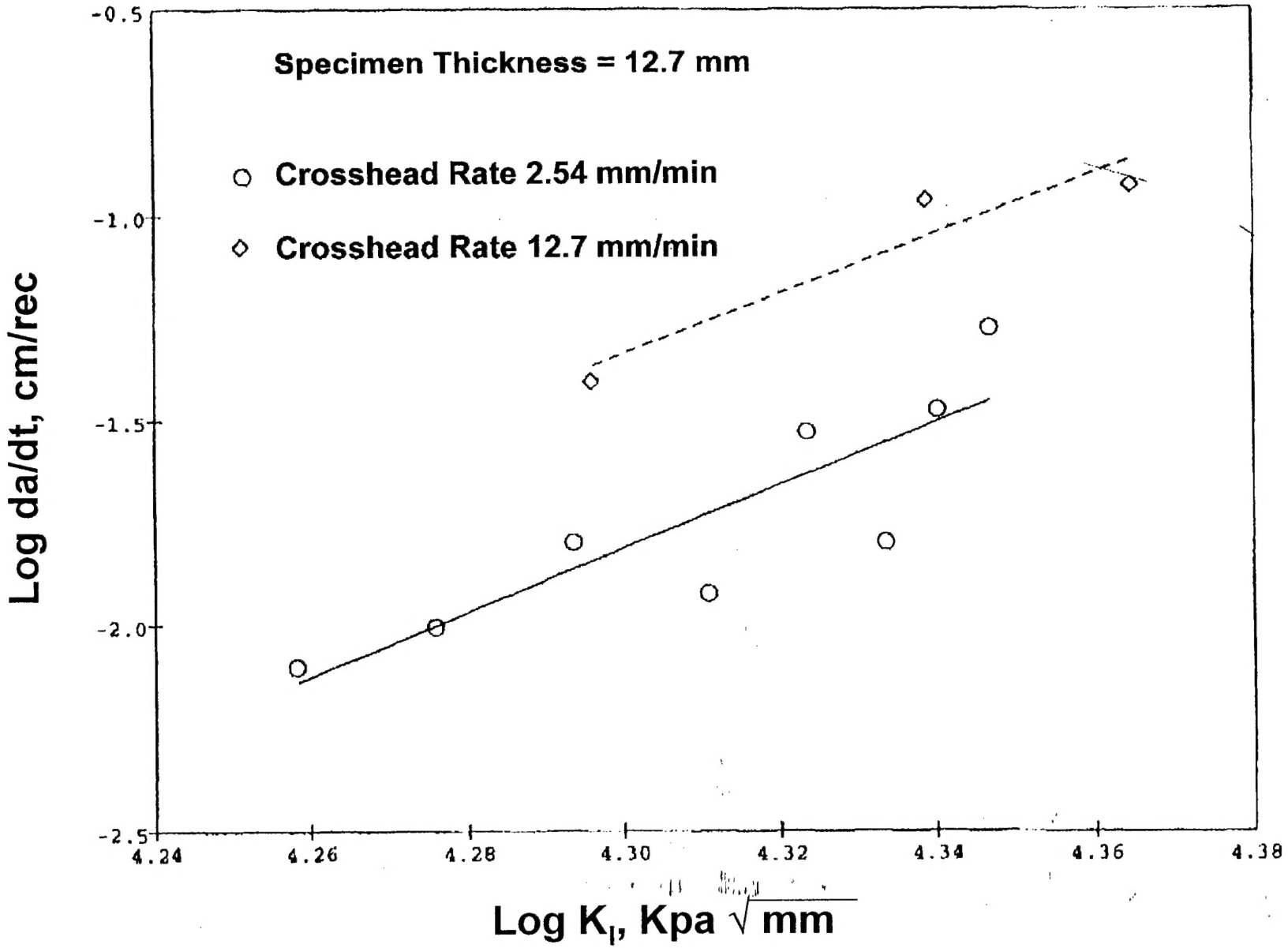

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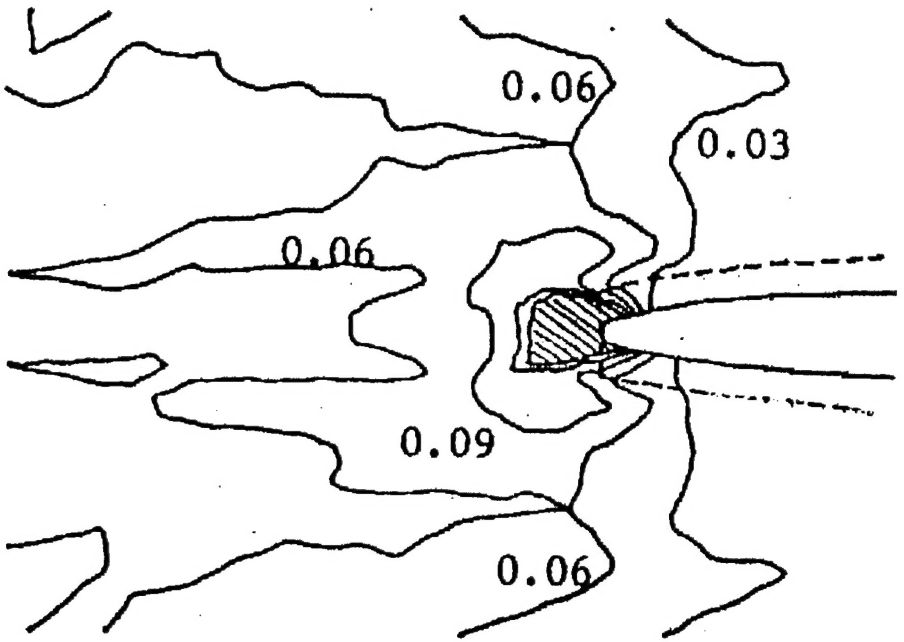
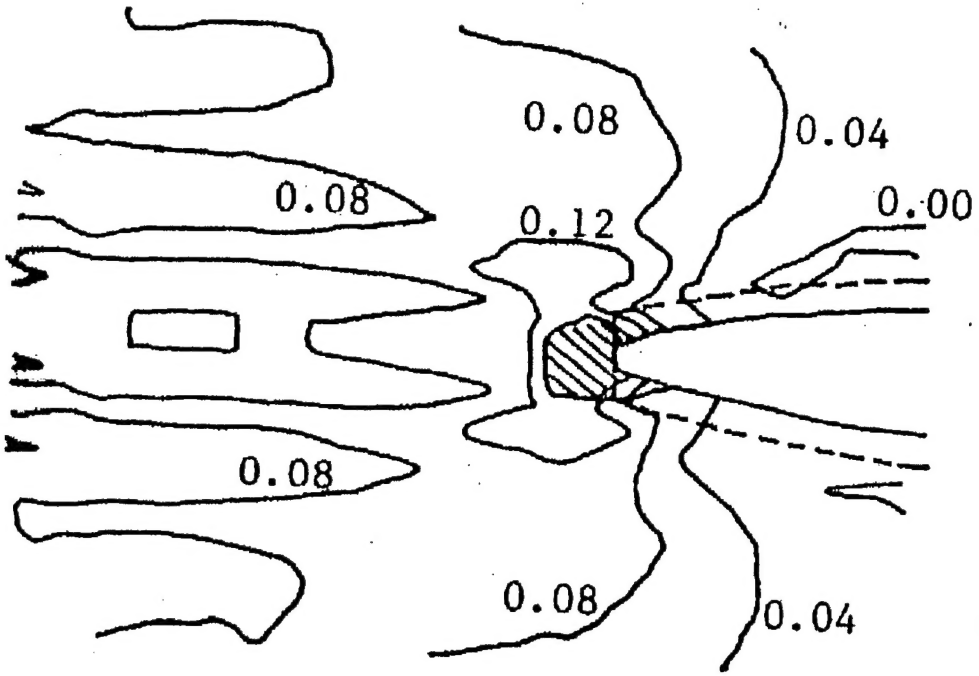
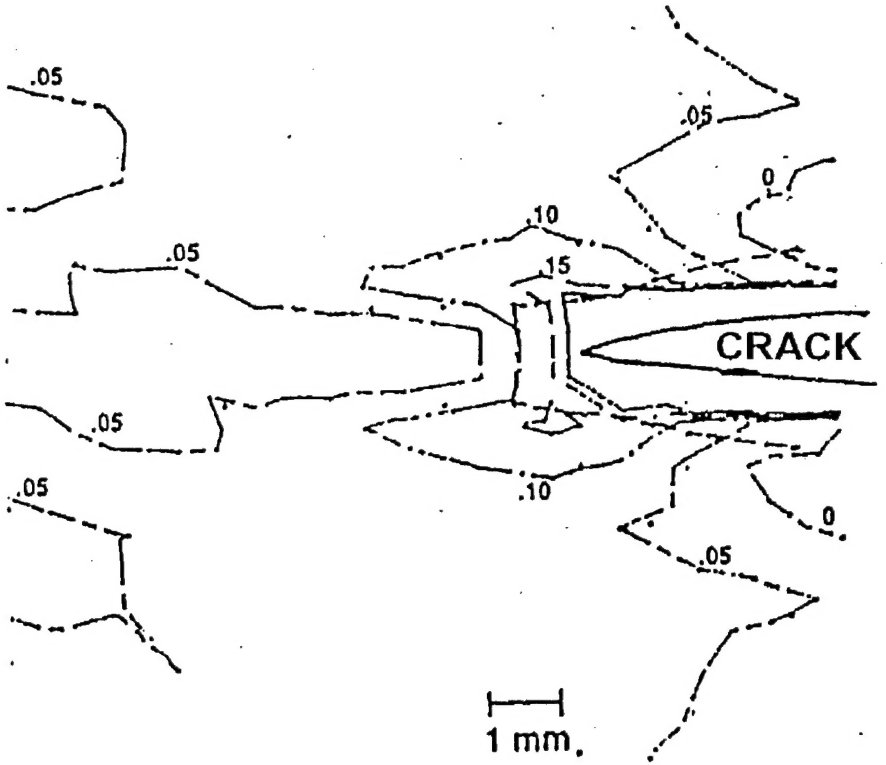


Crosshead Rate = 12.7 mm/min
Global Strain = 0.83%

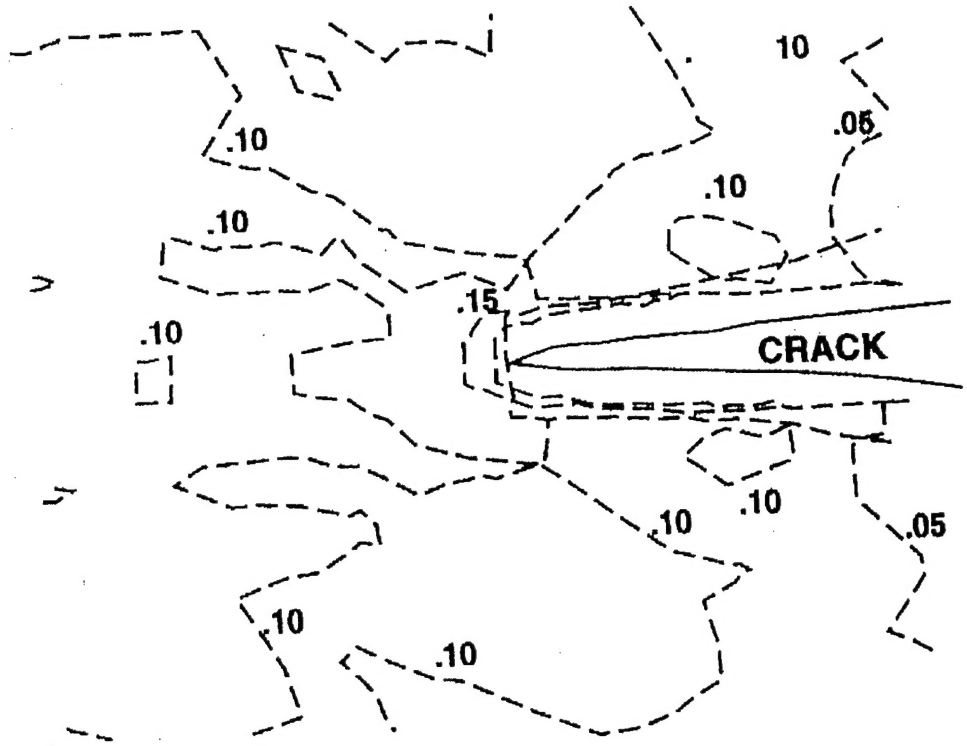


Crosshead Rate = 2.54 mm/min
Global Strain = 0.83%

Iso - Intensity Strain Contours (thickness = 0.5 in.)



Crosshead Rate = 2.54 mm/min
Global Strain = 3.3%



Crosshead Rate = 12.7 mm/min
Global Strain = 3.3%

Conclusions

- For the thin specimen and the thick specimen tested at 2.54 mm/min, the basic crack growth behavior consists of a blunt – growth – blunt phenomenon.
- For the thick specimen tested at 12.7 mm/min displacement rate, a classical brittle fracture occurs.
- The increase in displacement rate alters the local strain fields but the iso-strain contours are of the same general form.
- A power law relationship exists between the Mode I stress intensity factor and the crack growth rate.